



Gary Fred

July 13, 1951 - September 19, 2021

Gary L. Fred, 70, of Centralia passed away Sunday, September 19, 2021 in SSM St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia.

Gary Fred was born July 13, 1951 in Sesser, IL, the son of Noble Richard Fred and Lois (Clampet) Fred. Gary was not married, but did have a life partner: Gloria Abercrombie. She survives him in Centralia.

In addition to his life partner, Gloria Abercrombie, Gary is survived by seven nieces and nephews: Kathy Stewart of Du Quoin, Richard Fred of Sesser, Carroll Fred and wife Terri of Sesser, Paulette Newbury and husband Jim of Scheller, Billy Elliott and wife Susan of California, Jimmy Elliott of California, and Polly Stamp and husband Sonny of Arizona; and many great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents: Noble and Lois Fred; one brother Richard D. "Tobe" Fred; one sister-in-law: Linda Fred; one sister: Pauline Elliott; and one brother-in-law: Bill Elliott.

Gary was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force. He served from 1971 to 1976 from which he was honorably discharged. He held numerous different jobs throughout his life. He was mainly a truck driver for twenty years. He was a gentle soul and often liked to watch the birds and flowers out his window. He will be dearly missed by his family and all that knew him.

Per Gary Fred's wishes, cremation rites were accorded. No public services will held at this time and a private family service will be held in Sesser at a later date. Online condolences may be made to the Fred family by visiting the

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services at www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page, whom is honored to be of service to the family.